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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. The issue has been dragged out for over three years now and needs to be put to rest. A settlement has been reached, the terms are fair and the government needs to accept it.

In order to reach a settlement Microsoft has agreed to many concessions. They have agreed to allow computer makers the flexibility to install and promote any software that they see fit. They have also agreed not to make any agreement that would obligate any computer maker to use a set percentage of Microsoft software. Also, Microsoft has agreed to license its software at a set price no matter what software the computer maker uses or promotes and no matter at what percentage they use Microsoft software. These terms are set to allow complete competition in the realm of pre-installed software.

Microsoft and the technology industry need to move forward, the only way to move forward is to put this issue in the past. A settlement is available and the terms are fair, I would like to see it accepted. Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

Sincerely,



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